

SWIMMING

Lakeside Aquatics makes one last splash

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The summer long course season came to a close recently but not before members of the Lakeside Aquatic Club made one last splash.

Lakeside, which is based out of Flower Mound and

features swimmers from throughout the Metroplex including Lewisville and The Colony, found success competing at the TAGS State Championship July 20-24 in Austin. The meet is for swimmers 14-and-under. The team continued by competing at the Zones Meet July

26-30 in Carey, N.C.

"These kids make me proud and it is a privilege to coach such a hard-working team," said Jason Walter, LAC age group coach. "LAC consistently qualifies some of the largest groups of swimmers for these high-level meets and they consis-

tently exceed my expectations and continue to have a lot of fun in and around the pool."

Leading the way for LAC at TAGS was Flower Mound's Brandon Feehery. The 13-year-old placed second in both the 200-meter and 400 individual medleys,

setting program records in both events. On the strength of his performances, Feehery finished the season ranked fourth nationally among 13U in the 200 IM and sixth nationally in the 400 IM. Additionally, Feehery placed sixth in the 400 freestyle and was a member of four relay teams that set program records.

Also representing Flower Mound were Chase Sellers, Stephen Cheng, Lauren Chinnis, Kiley Vandevier, Sammie Jo Porter and Abbie Porter.

Sellers had a busy meet competing for LAC in the 200 IM, 400 IM, 100 backstroke and 200 backstroke; and helped LAC to fifth and seventh in the 200 free relay and 800 free relay, respectively. Both were program records.

Cheng, meanwhile, posted personal bests in the 50 free, 100 free, 200 free, 50 butterfly and 100 butterfly; finaling in both the 50 free and 50 butterfly.

Chinnis finalized in four events, taking first in the 50 free and second in the 50 backstroke, and also set program records in the 50 and 100 free; while Vandevier placed third in the 100 and 200 back. With her performances, Vandevier made sectionals cut and jumped to third nationally in both events.

Sammie Jo competed in five individual events and four relays, while Abbie posted personal bests in four individual events and was a part of four relays.

From Lewisville, Kara Eisenmann performed well, taking second in the 50 butterfly to break an LAC record which had stood since 2000. Eisenmann also helped power the 400 free relay and 400 medley relay teams to third. Both relays broke LAC records from 2002.

The Colony's Emma Garfield, meanwhile, placed 12th in the 100 butterfly, 12th in the 100 breaststroke, eighth in the 200 breaststroke and was a member of the 400 medley relay that placed third. Garfield completed her season ranked third nationally among 11-

year-olds in the 200 breaststroke (2:53.84).

Also representing The Colony was Sam Aduato, who finished eighth in the 50 butterfly (31.37).

In North Carolina, Sellers was one of six males from North Texas selected to compete. Individually, he competed in the 200 IM, 400 IM, 100 back, 200 back and 100 free. Sellers also swam in the 200 and 400 free relay and 200 medley relay for North Texas.

Sammie was part of the first-place finishing 200 free relay squad, while Aidan Glynn qualified for the "A" finals in each of the seven events he competed in, including third in the 200 breaststroke.

Flower Mound's Alecia McGillivray placed fourth in the 15-and-over 200 individual medley, second in the 100 free and first in the 400 free; while Adrian Wong placed first in the 50 free, 100 breaststroke and 100 back, to go with second-place finishes in the 400 free, 100 butterfly and 50 breaststroke.

Rounding out the competitors from Flower Mound were Gabriella and David Arredondo.

Gabriela grabbed second in the 400 free, seventh in the 200 back and eighth in the 100 free. David, meanwhile, brought back first in the 100 butterfly, third in the 400 free (sectional cut) and third in the 200 butterfly. Additionally, David placed seventh in the 50 free, fifth in the 100 free and eighth in the 200 free.

Carrollton's Mason Mitchell also represented LAC and took first in the 100 butterfly, second in the 100 and 200 breaststroke, second in the 200 and 400 IM and third in the 200 butterfly.

Sixteen-year-old Alex Sellers, meanwhile, took her skills to the national level representing LAC at USA Swimming's Long Course Junior National Meet Aug. 8-12 at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif.

Alex had qualifying times in the 50, 100 and 200 free, including a team-record in the 200 (2:07.20).